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SkillsUSA Maryland Association Guide

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## SkillsUSA Maryland State Director Message

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Dear Advisors,

Congratulations! Your chapter members have worked hard this year to earn an opportunity to participate in the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta, GA, June 20-25, 2022. On behalf of the Maryland State Department of Education, SkillsUSA Maryland state association, board of directors and state officer team, I want to thank you for your continued work and dedication to ensure Maryland members fully realize and embrace the SkillsUSA mission of “empowering its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. We improve the quality of our nation's future skilled workforce through the development of SkillsUSA Framework skills that include personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics.”

Together, we will have a full and exciting week in Atlanta, the new home of NLSC. This unique experience showcases the very best of Career and Technical Education (CTE), providing educational and inspiring opportunities for every Maryland delegation member. Like the SkillsUSA Maryland State Championship, the national conference would not be possible without the support and dedication of business and industry partners working to ensure America has a future skilled workforce. Maryland students participating in CTE program-aligned events will be competing against some of the best in the country in their respective career paths. Delegates will conduct the business of the organization, making decisions for the future of SkillsUSA. Student chapter leaders will be able to grow and develop around skills outlined within the SkillsUSA Framework. Advisors will strengthen and enhance their abilities to manage chapters through professional development sessions and networking. And all attendees will be able to interact with business and industry professionals representing in-demand careers that 21<sup>st</sup> century students are pursuing.

We know that “Team Maryland” will work hard to make our state proud and be the best state delegation at NLSC. This guide outlines helpful and important information about the event, including schedules, program overviews and how to best prepare. Please review and reach out with questions as they arise. Additional information and registration instructions will be released as we move closer to the event.

We look forward to seeing you at NLSC in Atlanta this June!

Sincerely,

Chuck Wallace  
State Director, SkillsUSA Maryland  
Division of Career and College Readiness  
Maryland State Department of Education

## Condensed Conference Agenda

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### Saturday, June 18

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Activate, Leverage and Engage Registration  
9:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Activate, Leverage and Engage

### Sunday, June 19

8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Activate, Leverage and Engage

### Monday, June 20

All Day SkillsUSA Maryland Delegation Arrival  
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Activate, Leverage and Engage  
1 p.m. - 6 p.m. SkillsUSA Store Grand Opening  
7 p.m. SkillsUSA Maryland Delegation Meeting

### Tuesday, June 21

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA Store Opens  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Academy of Excellence  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA University  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA Championships  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA TECHSPO  
7 p.m. Opening Session

### Wednesday, June 22

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA Store open  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA Championships  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA TECHSPO  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Academy of Excellence  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA University  
6:30 p.m. Recognition Session

### Thursday, June 23

7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. SkillsUSA Store open  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA Championships  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA TECHSPO  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Academy of Excellence  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SkillsUSA University  
6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Champions' Festival

### Friday, June 24

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Community Service Project  
5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony  
9 p.m. SkillsUSA Maryland Delegation Celebration

### Saturday, June 25

All Day SkillsUSA Maryland Delegation Departure

## Welcome to Atlanta!

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The SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference is the showcase of skilled trades. Quality career and technical education will be the centerpiece of the conference. Thousands of students, teachers, education leaders and representatives from hundreds of national corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions will join together to engage, prepare and celebrate America’s future workforce. Atlanta is excited to be the new home of this event.

While Atlanta is sprawling with towering buildings made of glass and steel, it is truly a city in the forest, dotted with expansive green spaces. Everyone is buzzing about the destination, including Lonely Planet. The travel experts named Atlanta as the only U.S. city included in its Best in Travel list for 2022. This urban oasis is a multi-cultural haven for residents and visitors alike, yet exudes Southern hospitality. Individuals from all walks of life add to the city’s charm and personality.



Atlanta began as a railroad terminus and remains a transportation hub, but with a 21st-century, global approach. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the busiest airport in the world, and 80 percent of the U.S. population lives within a two-hour flight. Visitors can roll into Downtown directly from the airport by riding Atlanta’s public rail system, MARTA.

The recently refreshed Centennial Olympic Park is Downtown’s centerpiece and is anchored by the Fountain of Rings, an everlasting reminder of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Next door, attractions surround Pemberton Place such as Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola and The National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Atlanta Streetcar is the city’s modern-day trolley, carrying passengers from the convention and entertainment district to the eastside of the city.



Sports fans have much to enjoy with a multitude of major league teams to see in action. At the state-of-the-art Mercedes-Benz Stadium, the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons “Rise Up” and MLS Atlanta United FC, compete on the soccer pitch. At State Farm Arena, the NBA Hawks take the court. For more football action, collegiate fans congregate at Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame.

Atlanta’s rich history comes to life in Sweet Auburn Historic District, once the wealthiest black community in America. The area is a focal point for the civil rights movement, as the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park and Ebenezer Baptist Church are located within the district.

Beyond the city's core, Atlanta's intown neighborhoods are packed with personality. Midtown mixes elegance with culture. The Westside has become a magnet for foodies, design enthusiasts and shoppers. Buckhead blends boutiques and galleries with fabulous dining, while Little Five Points keeps it funky through bohemian grunge paired with eclectic shops and music spots.



In Atlanta, chef-run restaurants dish up modern American cuisine in strikingly beautiful spaces. Among the cutting-edge eateries are cozy diners, cafés and bistros. The ethnic mom-and-pop restaurants along Buford Highway offer menus with lots of flavor.

Atlanta welcomes more than one million international visitors each year. Seventy-one countries have representation in Atlanta through a consulate or trade office, giving it a diverse economy. From arts and culture to music and cuisine, the city is full of multi-cultural opportunities for everyone.

Atlanta sits at the intersection of Southern charm, creativity and sophistication. It is easy to fall in love with this beautiful city – its world-class attractions, award-winning dining and hidden wonders – and be inspired by the city's endless possibilities.

Downtown/Midtown is the city's vibrant downtown convention and entertainment district is home to world-class attractions, while the artsy Midtown neighborhood provides inspiration through food and culture. View a map at <https://bit.ly/NLSCAtlMap>.

## Atlanta Information Directory

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SkillsUSA has produced an Atlanta Information Directory that highlights medical services, pharmacies, grocery stores and other amenities near the conference venue and hotels. To view the directory [click here](#).

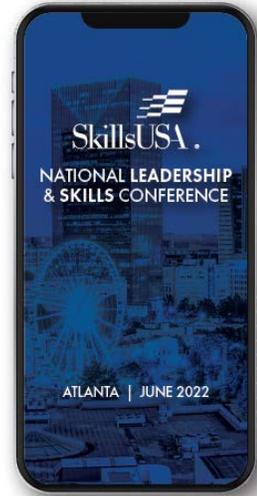


## Conference Program/App Information

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The NLSC 2022 App is the official conference program of the 58th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. With the NLSC 2022 App, you can:

- Stay organized with up-to-the-minute career competition, event, exhibitor, and session information
- Receive important real-time communications from SkillsUSA
- Build a personalized schedule and bookmark exhibitors
- View conference center map
- Stay in-the-know and join in on social media with #NLSC22
- View popular content, plus share your event photos and experiences within our latest feature called the Activity Feed
- And much, much more!



### [Download the App](#)

For iOS and Android devices, search in the App Store or Google Play for “NLSC 2022”— or click on the icons below to download the app.



<https://www.bit.ly/nlsc22-app>

## **Safety and Security Information**

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The safety and health of all conference attendees is the top priority of SkillsUSA. While no city can guarantee complete safety at all times for its visitors, SkillsUSA has worked closely with the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, Georgia World Congress Center Police Department and Security, Atlanta Police Department, Atlanta Ambassador Force, MARTA Police Department as well as other public safety stakeholders and security specialists to ensure the safest experience for attendees.

Unlike our convention centers in Louisville and Kansas City, the GWCC uses a secure badge system for all attendees. No one is allowed into the building without the proper badge and identification. This provides a level of event security that SkillsUSA has not been able to obtain during past conferences. The city of Atlanta also incorporates a high-end surveillance system that is constantly monitored.

### **Atlanta Police Department**

The Atlanta Police Department (APD) is divided into zones with dedicated officers and a zone commander. Most of the conference will take place in Zone 5. This zone covers most of Downtown Atlanta and has a long history of working with major events and conferences, including Super Bowl LIII and the Atlanta Pride parade. Each week the department evaluates zone wide crime reports and allocates additional resources to areas needing a public safety focus.

### **Atlanta Ambassador Program**

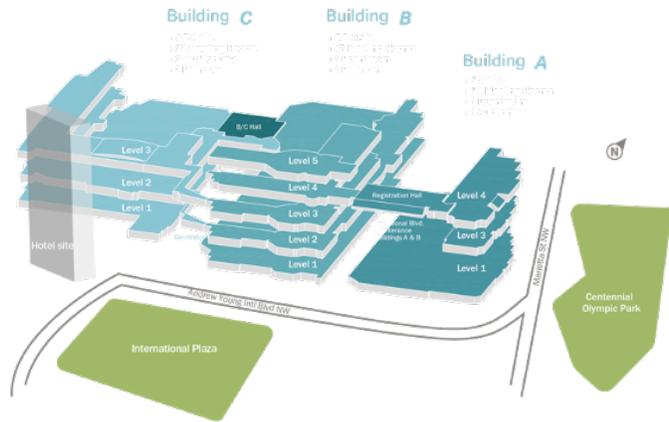
Whether you need a helping hand to figure out where to go and what to do in downtown Atlanta, or you need assistance locating a business or your rental vehicle, or you're concerned about a safety issue, Atlanta has you covered with its Atlanta Ambassador program. The city of Atlanta has members of its helpful Ambassador Force stationed throughout the downtown to assure public safety and provide tourists and residents with information. They're the ones in the red and blue uniforms riding Segway human transporters or All-Terrain Public Safety Bikes. Beyond the ambassadors you see on the streets, there are also ambassadors who monitor the downtown surveillance cameras in addition to the police department's monitoring station. During special events, ambassadors communicate with public safety officials directly from the Joint Operations Command Center.

#### Ambassador Services:

- **Welcome and Information Booths:** Located at the intersection of Peachtree St. and Andrew Young International Blvd., these are staffed 7:15 a.m.-11:45 p.m.
- **Travel Help:** Ambassadors know every inch of downtown and can tell you the best route (by foot, car or MARTA) to any location. They can also pre-screen attendee walking routes for conferences and events.
- **Activity Suggestions:** Whether visitors have an hour, an afternoon or an entire weekend to enjoy the sights and sounds of downtown, ambassadors can recommend the perfect attractions.
- **Medical Assistance:** Ambassadors are trained to assist in medical emergencies and have direct radio contact with emergency responders. They can also guide people to the nearest 24-hour pharmacy or healthcare provider.
- **Maps:** Ambassadors can offer one of the most useful tools in any city: a detailed map, marked with major attractions, hotels, restaurants and roadways.
- **Safety:** Downtown Atlanta is extremely safe. However, should visitors ever feel uncomfortable, they can approach the nearest ambassador who will be happy to escort them to a vehicle, hotel or other downtown destination

### Georgia World Congress Center

The Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), the new home of the National Leadership & Skills Conference, is one of the nation's premier destinations for conventions, trade shows, film production and more. Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, GWCC offers 1.5 million square feet of prime exhibit space and is the world's largest LEED certified convention center. Consisting of three interconnected buildings, the GWCC offers a variety of flexible and dynamic spaces and hosts hundreds of world-class events each year. Steps from the convention center's doors, visitors will find 22-acre Centennial Olympic Park, state-of-the-art Mercedes-Benz Stadium (home to the Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta United), the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame, and the Atlanta Hawks' recently renovated nest, State Farm Arena.



#### Staying Connected (Cellular and Wi-Fi Information)

GWCC contains several free wi-fi areas to ensure attendees can stay connected. Throughout GWCC, there are service boosters for all major cell phone carriers as well.

### State Farm Arena

State Farm Arena will host the Opening Session, Recognition Session and Awards Session of NLSC. The venue is home to the Atlanta Hawks and has recently been named Best New Concert Venue in the United States by Pollstar. The arena is 680,000 square feet and has a capacity of nearly 20,000.



## Airline Transportation Information

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta international airport provides nonstop service to more than 150 domestic destinations.

### Airport facts

- More than 2,700 arrivals and departures daily
- Nonstop service to more than 150 domestic U.S. destinations
- World's most efficient airport since 2003 (Air Transport Research Society)
- 10 miles from downtown Atlanta

### How to Get Around the Airport

- The plane train connects all concourses underground with the domestic and international terminals and consists of 11 trains operating every two minutes.
- Ground transportation at the domestic terminal starts at the west end of the domestic terminal and offers shuttle bus services; taxi, limo and sedan services; transportation to the rental car center; and MARTA.

### Passenger Airlines Serving Atlanta

Domestic carriers: Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Boutique Air, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Jet Blue, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, and United Airlines.

Learn more at [www.atl.com/passenger-information](http://www.atl.com/passenger-information)

### 2022 Delta Airlines Discount Program for SkillsUSA Members

Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer special discounts for SkillsUSA. Go to <https://bit.ly/3DjmNiA> to book your flights! You may also call Delta Meeting Network® at 1-800-328-1111\* Monday–Friday, 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (CT) and refer to Meeting Event Code **NMV2Z**.

*\*Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via our reservation 800 number.*

## **MARTA Transportation Information**

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Catching the MARTA from the airport to your downtown hotel is easy. We encourage using MARTA, Atlanta's rapid transit system. Participants will travel directly to the Domestic Terminal, between the North and South baggage. Then take the Red and Gold lines to the Five Points or Peachtree Center depending on your assigned hotel.

### **Tips for taking MARTA to and from Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport:**

- MARTA's Airport Station is inside the Domestic Terminal.  
Travel directly to the Domestic Terminal, between the North and South baggage claims. Click here to check out the domestic terminal directory by [clicking here](#).
- Take the Red and Gold lines.  
They travel directly to and from the Airport Station.
- Plan ahead (or on the go).  
Use our trip planner or MARTA On the Go app to get directions and view real-time train schedules.
- MARTA's fare system uses Breeze Cards.  
Purchase cards at [www.BreezeCard.com](http://www.BreezeCard.com) ahead of time or at one of the Breeze Vending Machines in any MARTA rail station, or in person at the Marta Ridestore in the Airport or Five Points stations.
  - A reloadable Breeze Card is \$2, and then add the desired fare amount \$2.50 per single ride.
  - A Breeze ticket is available for a \$1 surcharge plus the \$2.50 fare for a single ride.

### **Peachtree Center Station Hotels**

- Atlanta Marriott Marquis
- Courtyard Atlanta Downtown
- Embassy Suites by Hilton at Olympic Park
- Hilton Atlanta
- Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta Downtown
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites Atlanta Downtown
- Hotel Indigo Atlanta Downtown
- Hyatt Regency Atlanta
- Sheraton Atlanta Hotel
- The American Hotel Atlanta Downtown
- The Westin Peachtree Plaza, Atlanta

### **Five Points Transit Station Hotels**

- Fairfield Inn and Suites Downtown
- Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center

Click here to check out the

**[MARTA Ride Guide](#)**

<https://skillsusa.egnyte.com/dl/vnpHQFu0zO>

### **Car Parking**

The Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) offers convenient on-campus parking for visitors, attendees and staff of on-site events. Pre-purchase parking using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/GWCC-Parking>

Navigate to our SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference event and click 'Reserve Parking'.

Parking at the Red, Orange & Green Deck and Yellow & Blue Lot will be \$10 pre-purchase and \$15 day of.

Look at the GWCC Campus and Area Maps for parking location details at the following link:

<https://bit.ly/GWCC-parkingmap>

*\*Parking services has agreed to make special accommodations for our group and allow in and out privileges. Please show your printed or electronic receipt or parking pass when reenter the parking deck.*

### **Bus and Trailer Parking**

The Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) conveniently operates an on-site, 540,000-square-foot Marshalling Yard on Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd. adjacent to the Yellow Lot. The GWCC Marshalling Yard sits just seconds away from the GWCC loading docks and is patrolled 24 hours a day by GWCCA Public Safety officers to ensure safe access to and from the facility during the show.

Pre-purchase parking using the following link: <https://bit.ly/GWCC-Parking>. Navigate to our SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference event and click 'Reserve Parking'.

Parking at the Marshalling Yard will be \$30 pre-purchase.

### **Monday**

Travel day and Maryland Delegation Meeting

- School appropriate casual attire.

### **Tuesday**

Career Competition Orientations/Competitions

- Competitors must wear their official competition attire as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards to their orientation.

SkillsUSA Academies of Excellence, TECHSPO, and University

- Business casual attire.

Opening Session

- SkillsUSA Official attire or career competition attire is recommended. Business professional attire acceptable.

### **Wednesday**

Career Competitions

- Competitors must wear their official competition attire as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

SkillsUSA Academies of Excellence, TECHSPO, and University

- Business casual attire.

Recognition Session

- Business casual unless being recognized on stage then official attire is required.

### **Thursday**

Career Competitions

- Competitors must wear their official competition attire as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

SkillsUSA Academies of Excellence, TECHSPO, and University

- Business casual attire.

Champions Festival

- State delegation/chapter t-shirt or school appropriate casual attire.

### **Friday**

Career Competitions

- Competitors must wear their official competition attire as outlined in the SkillsUSA Technical Standards.

SkillsUSA Academies of Excellence, TECHSPO, and University

- Business casual attire.

Awards Session

- SkillsUSA Official attire or career competition attire. Winners not wearing approved attire will not be allowed on stage and will receive their medallion off-stage.

Maryland Awards Celebration

- SkillsUSA Maryland national medal winners and national top-ten finishers will be recognized immediately following the Awards Session (location TBA)

## Discover Atlanta Attractions

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### **Georgia Aquarium**

Experience over 11 million gallons of awe-inspiring wonders at Georgia Aquarium, the largest aquarium in the United States. Visit and learn about whale sharks, beluga whales, manta rays, penguins, sea lions, and our newest Sharks!

As a friend of Georgia Aquarium, SkillsUSA is happy to present you with exclusive, online-only discounts on a variety of Georgia Aquarium tickets, including general admission, Behind the Seas Tours and animal encounters. SkillsUSA General Admission Discounted Price \$34.95 (Regular price \$44.95)

General Admission Discounted Ticket Purchase Link: [georgiaaquarium.org/club-fish/discover-atlanta](http://georgiaaquarium.org/club-fish/discover-atlanta)

\*Be sure and purchase tickets prior to your arrival.\*

### **National Center for Human and Civil Rights**

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights is a museum and cultural institution that connects the U.S. Civil Rights Movement to human rights challenges today. The center believes in justice and dignity for all – and the power of people to make this real. It inspires people to tap their own power to change the world around them. Show your SkillsUSA conference badge at the door and receive discounted general admission

SkillsUSA General Admission Discounted Price \$14 (Regular price \$19.99)

### **Chick-Fil-A College Football Hall of Fame**

The Chick-Fil-A College Football is the home of all things college football. Throw, kick a field goal and experience 94,000 square feet of the storied tradition of college football. Enjoy More than 50 engaging and interactive exhibits. A shrine to the greatest to ever play or coach the game.

Exclusive Discounts

Show your SkillsUSA conference badge at the door and receive a 20% discount on general admission.

SkillsUSA General Admission Discounted Price Adult Ticket - \$19.99 (Regular price \$24.99)

Student Ticket with ID - \$16.79 (Regular price \$20.99)

### **World of Coca-Cola**

Journey through the storied history of the iconic beverage brand, interact with a variety of exhibits, and sample beverages from around the world. Visit The Vault where our legendary secret formula for Coca-Cola is secured. Oh, and chill with the world's bubbliest polar bear.

General Admission: \$18 | General Admission Ticket Purchase Link: <http://www.worldofcoca-cola.com/purchase-tickets/general-admission/>

If you are planning to visit as a group of 15 or more guests please fill out the online reservation form at <https://www.worldofcoca-cola.com/form-group-contact/> or give the Group Sales team a call at 404-676-6074 to discuss availability and set up your reservation.

### **SkyView Atlanta**

Towering nearly 20 stories above Centennial Park, the SkyView Ferris wheel features 42 climate-controlled + private gondolas providing guests with breathtaking panoramic views of downtown Atlanta and the surrounding metropolitan area.

General Admission: Adult Ticket - \$14.75 | Student Ticket with ID - \$12.75

## National Courtesy Corp

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The National Courtesy Corps is an elite group of high school students, college/postsecondary students, advisors and chaperones who are selected to represent their state delegation while assisting the national organization in conducting the NLSC. Courtesy Corps members work with and build a network of industry and educational experts while developing Framework skills, building friendships and having fun.

Learn more about the National Courtesy Corp, including eligibility requirements, by [clicking here](#).

## National Education Team

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The National Education Team (NET) assists the national technical committees in conducting and managing the SkillsUSA Championships and communicates to advisors the industry expectations for the quality of instruction and professional development in occupational areas represented in the SkillsUSA Championships. NET members may also be called upon throughout the year for their insights and expertise.

Learn more about the National Education Team, by [clicking here](#).

## SkillsUSA TECHSPO

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As a CTE destination, SkillsUSA TECHSPO showcases the latest technology and its application by our future workforce, teachers, and experts. Over 200 exhibitors at SkillsUSA TECHSPO are placed alongside national career competitions and leadership sessions that are shaping and celebrating our nation's career-ready students. Across three exhibition floors, interactive experiences inspire participants while industry connections are forged to enhance classrooms and develop the country's talent pipeline.

As a result of participating in the TECHSPO, the SkillsUSA mission is achieved by ensuring that participants are able to engage in meaningful, mutually beneficial exhibit booth experiences that teach students skills and knowledge related to their industry of interest and build their network of student and industry experts.

Schedule: Tues., June 21 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wed., June 22 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Thurs., June 23 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## SkillsUSA Delegates

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SkillsUSA is a student-led organization, whereby student members are charged with the responsibility of governing the affairs associated with the organization Bylaws.

The SkillsUSA Delegate Program engages state-identified delegates to represent their respective state association in introducing, debating, modifying and voting upon delegate items that may include organization Bylaws, and the SkillsUSA national elections. Delegates receive training to develop their responsibility and decision-making skills while building their peer network throughout the delegate processes.

Participation in the Delegate Program helps achieve the SkillsUSA mission by ensuring delegates can:

- Demonstrate responsibility and decision making to make informed decisions by engaging in training about the decision making process and implementing the steps through the delegate process.
- Collaborate with peer delegates to analyze organizational goals, consider state-level needs and provide input that represents their state's student membership and contributes to the achievement of the national organization mission.

The Delegate Program will be held June 21-24, 2022, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. In 2022, delegate programming will replace the usual time of TAG Tuesday to provide more robust training and engage delegates in more meaningful work during NLSC.

Delegates can also be contestants, but schedules should not conflict.

Learn more about the SkillsUSA Delegates, by [clicking here](#).

## National Officer Election Process

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The SkillsUSA national officer election process facilitates the election of 10 high school representatives (five at-large positions and five regional vice presidents) and five at-large college/postsecondary representatives to serve as student leaders for SkillsUSA as national officers. Candidates engage in multiple selection interview/demonstration rounds that may occur individually or in groups. In all rounds, candidates apply their knowledge and skills applicable to the responsibilities of a national officer.

Participation in the national officer election process helps achieve the SkillsUSA mission by ensuring that national officer candidates can:

- Engage in multiple election process interview/demonstration rounds in which they will apply their knowledge and skills in ways that are authentic to and replicate the experience and duties of a SkillsUSA national officer.
- Demonstrate their ability to apply the SkillsUSA Framework Essential Element knowledge and skills through a rigorous interview process.

The National Officer Election Process will be held throughout June 2022, including the application (due by June 1 at 6 p.m. ET), pre-NLSC virtual events, and in-person events during NLSC. Please see the 2022-23 National Officer Program Guide at [skillsusa.org/national-officer-election-process](https://skillsusa.org/national-officer-election-process) for further details on the election process.

## SkillsUSA Academy of Excellence

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The SkillsUSA Academy of Excellence is an initiative that offers NLSC educator attendees including advisors, teachers, administrators and counselors an opportunity for a wide selection of professional development training. SkillsUSA will offer up to 40 sessions over three days to help you develop in the areas such as:

- Chapter management.
- Educational psychology.
- Mentorship.
- Classroom management.
- CTE.
- Work-based learning.
- Resource implementation.

**Dates:** June 21-23, 2022

**Tracks include:**

**Sessions:** Up to 40 sessions to choose from.  
Drop-in participation format.

- New Teacher.
- Experienced Teacher.
- New Advisor.
- Experienced Advisor.
- School Administrator.
- School Counselor.

**Length:** 60-90 minute per each session.

**Fee:** Included in NLSC Advisor registration.

**Academy of Excellence is an opportunity to:**

- Gain and assess tangible skills in represented areas that are specific to your track.
- Enhance your classroom instruction or build your instructional style.
- Network with professionals in your field.
- Get access to additional field-specific resources.
- Receive a certificate of completion for the available skills.
- Become engaged as a presenter and share your expertise.

**Promotional Flier**

Click this link for a promotional flier <https://bit.ly/nlsc22-aoe>.

SkillsUSA University is an Academy of Excellence initiative which offers all registered NLSC attendees a chance to learn directly from industry expert practitioners and gain field-specific skills which they can later incorporate into their classroom instruction.

There is no charge to attend sessions, as this program is included in NLSC registration for advisors and students. Check the NLSC App for session dates, times and locations.

**If you are a CTE educator or student, SkillsUSA University is an opportunity to:**

- Gain technical skills through direct instruction provided by an industry expert in your field.
- Network with others in your field.
- Enhance your classroom instruction or educational experience.
- Access additional field-specific resources.
- Receive a certificate of competition for the session.
- Participate in lunch and learn opportunities for casual networking within the cluster.

**If you are an industry expert, SkillsUSA University is an opportunity to:**

- Share your expertise and network with other professionals in the field.
- Help foster career readiness by way of developing job-specific skills in CTE classrooms.
- Gain experience as a presenter during the SkillsUSA national conference.
- Promote your brand.

**Dates and Times**

- June 21-23, 2022 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
- 90-minutes per session.
- Two presenters per career cluster (28 presenters total)

**Presenter Information**

If you would like to present at SkillsUSA University, access the Request for Proposal application at [bit.ly/SkillsUSAUProposals22](https://bit.ly/SkillsUSAUProposals22).

All sessions should serve the educational purpose of developing a technical skill and should not focus on the sale of a specific product. A brand and product can be utilized to demonstrate a skill.

For questions or more information, contact Karolina Belen at [kbelen@skillsusa.org](mailto:kbelen@skillsusa.org).

## SkillsUSA Championships Information

The SkillsUSA Championships program assesses and recognizes career and technical education students. It engages students by testing their skills against standards for entry-level workers in the skilled trades through authentic skill demonstrations. Students are evaluated by expert representatives of business, industry and organized labor. The SkillsUSA Championships program connects the work done by students at the local level to the national level through programming offered at the district, regional and state levels.

**Total Career Competitions: 108**   Official Competitions: 102   Demonstration Competitions: 6

COD-#	Code - Number of Competitors
Demo	Demonstration Competition
MS	Middle school competition
MS only	Middle school only competitions
HS only	High school only competitions

- 3D Visualization and Animation **VA-2**
- Action Skills **AS-1**
- Additive Manufacturing **AMF -2**
- Advertising Design **ADV-1**
- American Spirit **AM-3**
- Architectural Drafting **AD-1**
- Audio/Radio Production **RAP-2**
- Automated Manufacturing Technology **MFG-3**
- Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair (Demo) (HS only) **MLR-1**
- Automotive Refinishing Technology **ART-1**
- Automotive Service Technology **AST-1**
- Aviation Maintenance Technology **AMT-1**
- Barbering **BAR-1**
- Basic Health Care Skills (HS only) **CARE-1**
- Broadcast News Production **TVN-4**
- Building Maintenance **BLMT-1**
- Cabinetmaking **CM-1**
- Career Pathways Showcase
  - Arts and Communications:* **CPSA- 3**
  - Arts, Audiovisual
  - Technology and Communications
  - Business, Management and Technology:* **CPSB- 3**
  - Business Management and Administration, Finance Services, Information Technology, and Marketing, Sales and Services
  - Health Services:* **CPSC-3**
  - Health Science
  - Human Services:* **CPSD- 3**
  - Government and Public Administration; Law, Public Safety and Security; Education and Training Services; Human Services and Hospitality and Tourism
  - Industrial and Engineering Technology:* **CPSE-3**
  - Architecture and Construction; Manufacturing; Science, Technology and Math and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics
  - Natural Resources/ Agriculture/Food:* **CPSF-3**
  - Agricultural, Food and Natural Resources

- Carpentry **C-1**
- Chapter Business Procedure **CBP-6**
- Chapter Display **DIS-3**
- CNC 5 Axis (Demo) **CNCX-1**
- CNC Milling Specialist **CNCM-1**
- CNC Technician **PMT-1**
- CNC Turning Specialist **CNCT-1**
- Collision Damage Appraisal (Demo) **CDA-1**
- Collision Repair Technology **CRT-1**
- Commercial Baking **CB-1**
- Commercial Drone (Demo) **DT-2**
- Community Action Project **CAP-2**
- Community Service **CS-3**
- Computer Programming **CP-1**
- Cosmetology **CO-1**
- Crime Scene Investigation **CSI-3**
- Criminal Justice **CJ-1**
- Culinary Arts **CA-1**
- Customer Service **CUS-1**
- Cyber Security **CY- 2**
- Dental Assisting **DA-1**
- Diesel Equipment Technology **DET-1**
- Digital Cinema Production **VPD-2**
- Early Childhood Education **PRE-1**
- Electrical Construction Wiring **ECW-1**
- Electronics Technology **ET-1**
- Emergency Medical Technician (Demo) **MMT-1**
- Employment Application Process **EAP-1**
- Engineering Technology/Design **ENG-3**
- Entrepreneurship **ENTR-4**
- Esthetics **EST-1**
- Extemporaneous Speaking **ES-1**
- Facilities - Facility Management (Demo) **FM-1**
- Firefighting **FF-1**
- First Aid/CPR **CPR-1**
- Graphic Communications **GC-1**
- Graphics Imaging Sublimation **GIS-1**
- Health Knowledge Bowl **BOWL-4**
- Health Occupations
- Professional Portfolio **HOPP-1**
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration **HVAC-1**
- Industrial Motor Control **MOTR-1**
- Information Technology Services **CMT-1**
- Interactive Application and Video Game Development **IAGD-2**
- Internetworking **WORK-1**
- Internet Of Things (IOT) Smart Home **RSI-1**
- Formerly known as Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance*

- Job Interview **JI-1**
- Job Skill Demonstration A (MS) **JSDA--1**
- Job Skill Demonstration Open (MS) **JSDO-1**
- Marine Service Technology **MT-1**
- Masonry **M-1**
- Mechatronics **MECH-2**
- Medical Assisting **MA-1**
- Medical Math **MM-1**
- Medical Terminology **MTM-1**
- Mobile Electronics Installation **MEI-1**
- Mobile Robotics Technology (MS) **MRT-2**
- Motorcycle Service Technology **MST-1**
- Nail Care **NAIL-1**
- Nurse Assisting **NA-1**
- Occupational Health and Safety: Single **OHSS-3**
- Occupational Health and Safety: Multi. **OHSM-3**
- Opening and Closing Ceremonies (MS) **OCC-7**
- Outstanding Chapter (MS) **OUT-3**
- Photography **P-1**
- Pin Design (State Conference) (MS) **PIN-1**
- Plumbing **PLB-1**
- Power Equipment Technology **PET-1**
- Practical Nursing **PN-1**
- Prepared Speech **PS-1**
- Principles of Engineering/Technology **PT-1**
- Promotional Bulletin Board **BB-3**
- Quiz Bowl **QUIZ-5**
- Related Technical Math **RTM-1**
- Residential Commercial and Appliance Technology **MAT-1**
- Formerly known as Major Appliance and Refrigeration Technology*
- Restaurant Service **FBS-1**
- Robotics and Automation Technology **RAT-2**
- Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue (MS) **USR-2**
- Screen Printing Technology **SP-1**
- Sheet Metal **SM-1**
- Team Engineering Challenge (MS only) **ETC-3**
- TeamWorks **TW-4**
- Technical Computer Applications **TECH-1**
- Technical Drafting **TD-1**
- Telecommunications Cabling **CAB-1**
- Television (Video) Production **TV-2**
- T-shirt Design **TSD-1**
- Web Design and Development **WEB-2**
- Welding **W-1**
- Welding Fabrication **WF-3**
- Welding Sculpture **WS-1**

### Competition Updates

Updates will be posted to the link below. This page will be updated continuously leading up to NLSC:

[www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/](http://www.skillsusa.org/competitions/skillsusa-championships/contest-updates/)

## Request for Accommodation

SkillsUSA is committed to providing equal access during our national conference. Please use this form to request accommodation or assistance for national contestants at NLSC. Our staff will review each request and contact the requestor if additional information is needed to provide services. Please submit all requests by June 1, 2022.

This form should be used for national contestants or participants who:

- Require the assistance of another person at the orientation meeting and/or during the competition. (Submit this form along with the official contestant registration form.)
- Have a disability that may require adaptations or accommodations.
- Have hearing impairment and will need the support of a sign language specialist for the contest orientation, beginning of the contest and/or the debriefing. If a signer is needed for longer intervals or for the whole day, SkillsUSA will work with state SkillsUSA directors on an individual basis.
- Have food allergies, diabetes or other health concerns or conditions.
- Use a wheelchair, walker or crutches.
- Require a translator due to a language barrier (note: state associations must cover the cost of translation services, if needed).

Fill out the form online Contestant Request for Accommodation (2022):

[www.bit.ly/nlsc22-accom](http://www.bit.ly/nlsc22-accom)

Deadline: Submit all requests no later than June 1, 2022.

If you have questions, contact Darren Gibson [dgibson@skillsusa.org](mailto:dgibson@skillsusa.org).

## Professional Development Testing

New for this year, professional development testing will be conducted pre-conference via the new SkillsUSA Online Testing Platform. Offering this as a pre-conference test alleviates the test administration duties from state directors while also providing student competitors the opportunity to take the test at a time and location that is most productive for them.

Competitors registered by April 29 will receive information on how to test on or before May 25. Registered competitors will receive an email to the email address affiliated with NLSC conference registration with their assigned username, password, and login URL. In addition to the information being sent directly to competitors, user credentials of all registered competitors from your state association will be emailed to the state director. State Directors will be disseminating this information to their advisors to ensure that all competitors are able to access their online test.

Please encourage your competitors to take this assessment, as it is worth 2.5% of their total overall score. All Professional Development Tests must be completed by 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, June 21 to be scored. Failure to complete the test by this deadline will result in a score of zero for that portion (2.5% or 25 points) of the contest scorecard.

As a reminder, contestants in Action Skills, Building Maintenance and Community Action Project are not required to complete the professional development test and will thus not be enrolled in a test.

### **Testing for students added/substituted**

No additions or substitutions will be accepted after May 17 and prior to conference. Please have all substitutions and additions ready for your on-site registration appointment at the Georgia World Congress Center. All substitutions and additions will be processed at this time. Following your appointment, any students who have been added will receive an enrollment email at the end of the day on Sunday, June 19 notifying them of their enrollment. Any addition of contestants after your on-site registration appointment and prior to Tuesday, June 21 at 12 p.m. will receive an enrollment email by 2 p.m. on Tuesday. All students substituted or added should complete any assigned tests by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21. Failure to complete the test by this deadline will result in a score of zero for that portion of the contest scorecard.

### **Limited Online Contest Testing**

This year, SkillsUSA is excited to be running a pilot program designed to assess the feasibility of online, pre-conference technical assessments. This pilot program will utilize competitors from the following contests: Quiz Bowl, TeamWorks, Welding, and Principles of Engineering Technology

In addition to the aforementioned professional development assessment, competitors from these select contests will also have a technical assessment for their contest loaded into their online testing account. These contest tests must be completed by Friday, June 10 to provide SkillsUSA and the national technical committee's time to tabulate scores. SkillsUSA will communicate this deadline to all competitors in these contests via email.

## General Sessions (Opening, Recognition and Awards Sessions)

*\*The below session runs-of-show are tentative and subject to change as session schedules are finalized.*

### Opening Session | Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m.

*SkillsUSA Official attire or career competition attire is recommended. Business professional attire acceptable.*

The Opening General Session is the kick-off event of the annual National Leadership & Skills Conference. This experience engages attendees with high-energy, participatory and recognition components that set the tone for the week-long conference.

- Parade of Champions
- Opening Ceremony
- Anthem and Color Guard
- National Officer Welcome
- Advisor of the Year Recognition
- National Officer Keynote
- Session Sponsor Introduction/Speaker
- Courtesy Corps Recognition
- State of the Association, Chelle Travis
- National Officer Candidate Introduction
- Pin and T-Shirt Recognition

### NEW! Recognition Session | Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

*Business casual unless being recognized on stage then official attire is required.*

During stakeholder research conducted in the summer of 2020, students indicated they join SkillsUSA for community, growth and recognition. As a result, SkillsUSA is expanding our session lineup to include a new recognition session that will honor and celebrate our chapter and member growth through a high-energy recognition session that will include entertainment and additional experiences to create a sense of community. This new session will showcase the achievements of more members by elevating their recognition on a stage that traditionally only recognized a small number of students outside of championships. This session will honor the skill-building work on all levels of SkillsUSA, engage all conference attendees in recognizing their peers for work accomplished throughout the year and bring closure to a year of hard work and success, and inspire students to apply themselves in growth and development in the upcoming year.

- Session Welcome
- Models of Excellence Chapter Recognition
- CEP Gold Chapter of Distinction Recognition
- Career Essentials Credential Recipient Recognition
- Student2Student Recognition
- National Lifetime Membership Award
- President's Volunteer Service Award Recognition
- Session Sponsor Introduction/Speaker
- Delegate Recognition
- Impact Recognition
- **Mainstream Entertainment**

### Awards Session | Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m.

*SkillsUSA official attire or career competition attire. Winners not wearing approved attire will not be allowed on stage and will receive their medallion off-stage.*

The culminating experience of the National Leadership & Skills Conference is the Closing/Awards Session which serves to recap the entire NLSC experience. This high-energy session will recognize the accomplishments of the attendees who participated in NLSC activities including the SkillsUSA Championships, National Officer Election Process and more. Attendees will leave the conference inspired to achieve greatness in their own leadership roles within the organization and with a spirit celebration for self and others.

- Red Carpet Event
- Session Welcome
- Session Sponsor Introduction/Speaker
- Championships Awards
- Community Service Recognition (NLSC)
- Top MoE Chapter Announcement
- National Education Team/ Technical Committee Appreciation
- National Officer Announcement/Installation
- Conference Recap Video
- Theme Unveil
- Closing Session

## Community Service Project

On Friday, June 24 at the National Leadership & Skills Conference, SkillsUSA students will apply their skills and provide service to the Atlanta community by participating in the SkillsUSA “Build Skills – Do Good – Complete the Cycle” community service project. The student participants will assemble bikes which will be presented to local children.

The day of service will begin with a kickoff rally for attendees and business partners at 9 a.m. in the Georgia World Congress Center. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. and lasting until 12:00 p.m., student participants will work in teams to apply their skills and carefully construct two children’s bicycles. This will be a fantastic ending to conference week as 400 students, advisors and partners work to give back to the Atlanta community.

Students and advisors who would like to register for the Community Service Project will do so in SkillsUSA Register. Under “Add-On Events,” users will click the “Yes” button next to the question “Participate in Community Service Project on Friday?”

A live link to a list of contests that are unable to volunteer for Community Service due to their required contest debrief can be found <https://bit.ly/35wGYgE>. Additional details about the service project will be shared closer to NLSC on the SkillsUSA website.

### Conference Registration Liability and Release Form

Once the name is registered; click the FORM link that is displayed to the left of the name and ensure all fields are completed. It is critical to provide accurate birth dates for contestants, onsite emergency contacts for all participants, and complete the Americans with Disability Act and food allergies sections if applicable. We recommend you print the Conference Registration Form and have the participant verify the information.

- A **blank Registration, Liability and Release Form** can be printed ahead of time and given to the participant to fill out or have a parent sign. Click the tab Conference > [Conference Liability and Release Form](#). The form should then be returned to the advisor or designated school person to enter the data on the website as mentioned above.
- **Home Addresses:** You must provide a home address for contestants. Contest awards and corporate gifts are mailed to home addresses.
- Emergency contact information is required for all participants.

### Name Badges

- Name badges must be worn to be admitted to any functions.
- Please do not attach pins directly to name badges. Please attach to lanyards.
- If a registrant loses their name badge, a replacement can be purchased in Registration Hall for \$10.

## Drop and Refund Policy

Schools are responsible for paying for all registrants that cancel after the registration deadline. Drops made after the deadline are not eligible for a refund/credit.

## Commonly Asked Questions and Answers

- **How can I print a report of my NLSC registration?** On the Conference Registration website click the tab Conference > Export to Excel. You may also print a report of Emergency Contacts and a Summary of your schools Registrations.
- **How much is NLCS registration?** \$295 per person. Hotel is \$225 per room/per night for five (5) nights (6/20-6/25). 2-4 per room for students/single rooms for adults only.
- **Where do we send our money?** All NLSC registration fees should be mailed to:  
SkillsUSA Maryland  
C/O April Powell, General/Financial Secretary  
P.O. Box 92  
Snow Hill, MD 21863
- **Why can't I view all my school's participant records?** To view all records of your school participant(s), you must own them (you created the record). If you are responsible for registering everyone, we can give you "rights" to all the records. Please call our Customer Care Team at 844-875-4557 to request School Administrator rights.
- **Why can't I get the record to save?** Look for a red typed script at the top of the screen that indicates the problem. Example: **Date of birth must be entered as: MM/DD/YYYY (with a 4-digit year)**. Ensure you answer all the questions in the registration form to reduce these types of errors.
- **Why can't I enter my participant in a contest?** To enter a contest, you must select the Registration Type > Contestant. The contestant must be a registered member by March 1 and the school invoice must be paid.
- **What is the Submit Registration button?** This button is used to validate the information in each individual registration record and will issue an invoice if your state is using the system for invoicing. Once a name is added to the site, they are considered registered regardless of whether the Submit Registration button was clicked.
- **Who do I call regarding my state delegation costs, registration, hotel, and transportation questions?** These calls should be directed to your state SkillsUSA director. For contact information, please view paperwork provided to you by your state director or go to: [www.skillsusa.org/about/state-directors/](http://www.skillsusa.org/about/state-directors/).
- **What is the deadline to register for the conference?** Friday, April 29, 2022.

## The Road Between State Championships and National Conference

Set yourself and your student competitors up for success by following these best practices:

- Mark all deadlines on your calendar.
- You and your competitors will be part of the SkillsUSA Maryland state delegation and will be expected to follow both school/district and state organization policies and procedures.
  - Find out how to ship equipment/supplies ahead of time, or determine if it all can be flown/driven to NLSC. (This cost will need to be accounted for in your budget/discussed with schools.)
- Review the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards competition guidelines, which can be located in Absorb in the Professional Membership Benefits section.
  - Note that competition attire is required for national events that is not typically required at state championships.
  - Note also that SkillsUSA official attire is required for the Opening and Awards Sessions at NLSC.
  - Note that national guidelines specify what contest materials and equipment are provided and what is expected for each competitor to bring.
- Discuss NLSC with your school administrator or CTE Director (financial obligation, school board approvals for travel out of state, etc.)
  - Begin the requisition process ASAP (some advisors even do this before state championships, as there is sometimes a quick turnaround for travel agents, registration, etc.)
  - It is always worth asking if you can bring along future SkillsUSA leaders from your chapter; there is a wonderful pre-conference experience called Activate and contests are open for viewing. If this is an option, discuss finances with school personnel and space availability with the state office.
  - There is also a great pre-conference training for advisors called Engage; this is an additional registration cost, but it is well worth it for professional development. Engage does not conflict with the competition schedule.
  - Create a planned budget of expenses to share at this meeting. Include the cost of meals and transportation, and try to plan for some fun extras if possible. Your school may not provide all these items, but there may be organizations in the community willing to help offset those costs.
- Download the SkillsUSA 2022 NLSC App from the Apple Store or Google Play and follow SkillsUSA's social media channels (state and national) for updates.
- Bookmark the NLSC page and the contest updates page on the SkillsUSA website and check for updates frequently:
  - National Leadership and Skills Conference: [bit.ly/SkillsUSANLSC](https://bit.ly/SkillsUSANLSC)
  - Competitions: [bit.ly/NLSCChampionships](https://bit.ly/NLSCChampionships)
  - Contest Updates: [bit.ly/ChampionshipsUpdate](https://bit.ly/ChampionshipsUpdate)(Note: The updates page may be updated weekly or even daily leading up to NLSC.)
- Meet with your competitor and their families. This step is crucial! Don't assume that your student is communicating needed information to parents/guardians. This meeting should be done after you meet with your administrator so that finances can be discussed. (Or schedule an additional meeting.)

- Make sure the competitor can and wants to attend. This needs to be done immediately; if your competitor can't attend, contact State Director (Chuck Wallace) ASAP, as it is very likely that the silver medalist will want to participate.
- Make sure that your competitor and family understand that even though NLSC is in June, it is a school event and a SkillsUSA event and all policies and procedures will still be followed. (This is true even if the student has graduated from high school prior to attending NLSC.)
- Make sure that your competitor understands that having a single hotel room is not allowed for students and that sharing hotel rooms should be expected.
- Be candid about costs. If your student is expected to pay for food, baggage fees, mementos and clothing, give them a reasonable amount of money to plan for.
- Share a sample packing list with your competitor and family (see below).
- Set up regular contest practice sessions with your competitor. It is vital that your competitor studies the SkillsUSA Championships Technical Standards rules and regulations and practices each skill for the national competition. It is great to seek assistance from business and industry to evaluate work and provide feedback. This helps your competitor feel ready to compete.
  - Ask someone who is experienced with resumes to review your student's resume. Resumes are required for all NLSC contests. (Most people who work in HR departments are more than happy to help with this task.)
  - Review the SkillsUSA Knowledge Test with your competitor. Check the SkillsUSA website for more information about this.

### **Planning and Packing — Tips for Students:**

- Take the time to think through what you will need, then pack accordingly.
- Leave your itinerary with your family.
- Tag your luggage inside and out.
- Bring a cellphone.
- Bring your cellphone charger.
- Have your advisor's mobile phone number.
- Carry your medical insurance card.
- Have a valid travel ID (see TSA site for acceptable types of ID): Tsa.gov
- Bring a list of family phone numbers.
- Leave expensive electronics or jewelry at home.
- Bring an alarm clock.
- If you take prescription medicine, bring a supply with you.
- Bring some extra cash for emergencies.
- Bring two pairs of comfortable shoes.
- Write down your schedule including contest times and state meetings.
- No backpacks or large tote bags are allowed in the general sessions.
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### **The Road Continues: Arrival in Atlanta**

#### **Hotel Courtesies (Maryland Delegation staying at Atlanta Marriott Marquis)**

SkillsUSA members have a nationwide reputation of high standards to uphold. Keep in mind that it is our good reputation that enables you to take pride in your organization. The following is a list of hotel courtesies and suggestions to which attendees should give serious consideration:

- Attendees should tip hotel staff when luggage is brought to their rooms (\$1 to \$2 per bag).
- Attendees should tip for restaurant meals, food deliveries and room service (15%-20% of price).
- Attendees will not open hotel windows or throw objects out of the windows.

- Attendees should always be considerate of other guests in the hotel. Please realize that there may be business/industry representatives, technical committee chairs, judges, etc. staying in the same hotel.
- Attendees should keep their sleeping room neat and clean at all times.
- Attendees are not allowed in any hotel room other than their own assigned room. There are common areas in all hotels for social gathering.
- Attendees are expected to respect and obey hotel security procedures and safety regulations. Posted notices must be followed at all times.
- Attendees will observe the assigned curfew times, regardless of age.
- Attendees are provided a copy of the conference [Code of Conduct](#), located on page 2.
- Any additional rules established by advisors/chaperones and/or hotel must be followed at all times.

### **Fire Safety**

The probability of you being involved in a hotel or motel fire is remote but taking a few precautions and knowing what to do in an emergency is important to every traveler. You may not have time to plan during an actual emergency.

1. When you check in, ask at the front desk what type of fire alarm the establishment uses and what the alarm sounds like (sirens, gong, whoop, public address, etc.)
2. When you arrive in your room, check to see if a fire evacuation plan is posted on the door and read it carefully. If one is not posted, ask the front desk.
3. Next, find the two exits nearest your room. Check them to be sure they are unlocked and unblocked.
4. Then count the doors between your room and the exits. This will help you find the exits if the corridor is unlighted or becomes filled with smoke.
5. Take every alarm or unusual noise seriously. Should you hear an alarm, don't hesitate — act.
6. If fire is in your room, get out of the room and close the door. Report the fire immediately to the fire department and the front desk.
7. If the fire is not in your room, leave it if you can. Touch the door to test it for heat. If it's cool, brace your shoulder against the door and open it slowly. Be ready to close the door right away if there are flames on the other side. Stay low and crawl through the smoke to the exit; fresher air will be near the floor. Take your key so that you can return to your room if you can't use the exits.
8. If your room door is hot, don't open it; there could be fire on the other side.
9. Use wet towels or sheets to seal the cracks around the door. Turn off fans and air conditioners. Call the fire department even if you can see firefighters outside and give your exact location. Signal at your window and stay low to avoid smoke. Leave your window closed if you see smoke outside since smoke and fire may enter through the window. If there is smoke in the room and it is clear outside, try opening the window. Be sure to close the window immediately if more smoke enters your room.
10. Fire exits and stairwells are your best escape routes. Never use an elevator during a fire; the elevator could stop at the fire floor.

### **The Road Continues: Things to Do During NLSC**

Conference week will really fly by, but try to take in as much as possible. This conference provides something for everyone. Best practices: Meet as many people as you can. Get contact information or connect on social media. You will meet fellow advisors who have great ideas; you will meet industry personnel who can advise you. You will meet national staff who are prepared to help you become the best SkillsUSA advisor you can be. And it all starts with a simple hello!

- Pre-Conference Professional Development: Activate (for student leaders) and Engage (for advisors) take place June 18-20 before any contests begin.

- SkillsUSA Championships: All contests are open for viewing: June 21-23. Clearly, while you cannot communicate with your competitor during the competition, you can observe the contest in real time.
  - Observing other competitions is a great best practice tip. You can learn about contests that you might have competitors for in the future or share information about contests with colleagues back home.
  - Make some time to look at the leadership contests displays. Not only can you get great ideas for future competitors, but you can learn so much about chapters around our country and what they are doing in SkillsUSA!
- SkillsUSA TECHSPO is one of the largest technical trade shows in the country. Open June 21-23, plan to spend some talking to exhibitors, getting some freebies, and networking with other advisors in your CTE career cluster. Your students will also love TECHSPO as many exhibits are interactive.
- The SkillsUSA Store is open June 20-23. There is always something wonderful in the store, and often you will be “first on the block” for cool branded merchandise including shirts, gifts and accessories as well as contest clothing or SkillsUSA blazers. Your students will also want to shop.
- Academy of Excellence: June 21-23. If you can’t make it to Engage, plan to attend some sessions during the new Academy of Excellence. These professional development sessions are free with your conference registration and range in topics from SkillsUSA related to teaching pedagogy and more! You can attend as many sessions as you would like. Consult the NLSC app for topics, presenters and a detailed schedule.
- SkillsUSA University: June 21-23. How would you like to learn a technical skill that employers are desiring in your field? Come and see a business/industry representative display a technical skill in your career cluster area. Sessions are free with your conference registration. You can come to as many as you like; consult the 2022 NLSC app for topics, presenters and schedule.
- Community Service Project: June 24. Sign up in advance to participate in this annual tradition of giving back to our host city. You and your students can participate.
- General Sessions
  - Opening Session: Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. This energetic session kicks the conference into high gear with all attendees participating in the excitement. Keynote speakers and the national officers will motivate you for a great NLSC experience.
  - Recognition Session: Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. Our new recognition ceremony will serve to recognize excellence in students, advisors, chapters and more.
  - Awards Session: Friday, June 24 at 5 p.m. NLSC culminates in awarding gold, silver and bronze medals to outstanding competitors in over 100 contests that took place during the week.
- Things to Do in Atlanta: There are many fantastic places to visit within walking distance of the convention center. Visit [www.discoveratlanta.com](http://www.discoveratlanta.com) to learn more.

### **SkillsUSA Winners List and Winners Photos**

SkillsUSA will announce winners on Friday night, provide lists to SkillsUSA state offices, and then post a list of SkillsUSA Championships winners on the SkillsUSA website soon after NLSC. In addition, scores will be posted when available and these can be located using your contestant number.

SkillsUSA will post winners photos on the website after the national conference. These high-resolution downloadable photos are taken backstage of all medalists as they go to collect their prizes.